

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A power transmission system in a vehicle, comprising a continuously variable gear path and a multi-stage gear path provided in parallel for transmitting a driving force from an engine to driven wheels,

wherein the continuously variable gear path is disposed between the engine and a continuously variable gear mechanism, and has a single-pinion type forward/backward travel switching mechanism adapted to receive the driving force input from the engine through a sun gear and to output the driving force to the continuously variable gear mechanism through a ring gear, and

wherein the multi-stage gear path is set at a gear ratio closer to a LOW side from that of the continuously variable gear mechanism.

2. A power transmission system in a vehicle according to claim 1, wherein the gear ratio in the multi-stage gear path and the gear ratio in the continuously variable gear path when the continuously variable gear mechanism is in a lowest speed state during backward travel are set at substantially the same value.